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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed from the USPTO on January 12, 2010 having a due date for response of April 12, 2010. A Petition for Extension of Time for One Month is submitted herewith together with the petition fee thereby extending the due date to May 12, 2010. It is believed that no additional fees are necessary. However, if any fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.